

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating a non-currency-based transaction involving a secondary transaction number, the method comprising the steps of:

designating a non-currency-based account to be used to fund a primary account;

generating a secondary transaction number and associating the secondary transaction number with the primary account, ~~wherein the secondary transaction number is issued to a first party and is configured to facilitate a plurality of transactions; and~~

converting accumulated non-currency-based tender in the non-currency-based account into currency to fund the primary account.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of designating conditions-of-use parameters and associating the parameters to the secondary transaction number.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of processing an authorization request from a second party relating to a transaction involving the secondary transaction number, wherein the transaction comprises a transaction amount, and wherein the processing step comprises steps of:

recognizing the transaction as involving a non-currency-based account;
determining whether the conditions-of-use parameters have been satisfied; and
reducing, if the conditions-of-use parameters are satisfied, the non-currency-based account balance by an amount equivalent to the transaction amount.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of processing a transaction settlement request from a second party relating to a transaction involving the secondary transaction number, wherein the transaction comprises a transaction amount, and wherein the processing step comprises the steps of:

capturing transaction settlement information in a financial capture system,
creating an accounts payable file and routing the accounts payable file to an accounts payable system for payment processing;
forwarding the transaction settlement information to an accounts receivable system;
recognizing that the transaction settlement information comprises a secondary transaction number that is associated with the non-currency-based account; and
issuing a credit from the non-currency-based account to the accounts receivable system, wherein the credit from the non-currency-based account offsets at least part of the transaction amount.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating a non-currency-based transaction ~~involving a secondary transaction number~~, the system comprising:

a user interface system configured to accept a designation of a non-currency-based account to be used to fund a primary account;

a secondary transaction number system configured to generate ~~[[the]]~~ a secondary transaction number and associate the secondary transaction number with the primary account, ~~wherein the secondary transaction number is issued to a first party and is configured to facilitate a plurality of transactions;~~ and

a non-currency-based account system configured to convert accumulated non-currency-based tender in the non-currency-based account into currency to fund the primary account.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 5, wherein the non-currency-based account system is further configured to accept a designation of conditions-of-use parameters and wherein the secondary transaction number system is further configured to associate the parameters to the secondary transaction number.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 6, further comprising an authorization system configured to:

process an authorization request from a second party relating to a transaction involving the secondary transaction number, wherein the transaction comprises a transaction amount;

recognize the transaction as involving a non-currency-based account;

determine whether the conditions-of-use parameters have been satisfied; and

reduce, if the conditions-of-use parameters are satisfied, the non-currency-based account balance by an amount equivalent to the transaction amount.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 6, further comprising a settlement processing system configured to:

process a transaction settlement request from a second party relating to a transaction involving the secondary transaction number, wherein the transaction comprises a transaction amount;

capture transaction settlement information in a financial capture system;

create an accounts payable file and route the accounts payable file to an accounts payable system for payment processing;

route the transaction settlement information to an accounts receivable system;

recognize that the transaction settlement information comprises a secondary transaction number that is associated with the non-currency-based account; and

issue a credit from the non-currency-based account to the accounts receivable system, wherein the credit from the non-currency-based account offsets at least part of the transaction amount.